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SUBJECT: OCT. 1 PRESS BRIEFING ON RHODESIA

1. DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN ROBERT FUNSETH, AT OCT. 1
PRESS BRIEFING DISCUSSED TRAVEL OF SCHAUFELER AND ROWLANDS.

2. FOLLOWING ARE EXCERPTS (BEGIN TEXT):

Q: IS THERE ANYTHING THAT YOU CAN TELL US ABOUT THE KIND
OF RESPONSE SECRETARY SCHAUFELER AND MR. ROWLANDS ARE
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GETTING IN THEIR TRAVELS IN AFRICA?

A: I DO NOT HAVE ANYTHING ABOUT RESPONSES. AS YOU KNOW, OR AS IT HAS BEEN REPORTED IN THE PRESS -- MAYBE WE ARE JUST CONFIRMING IT FOR THE FIRST TIME -- MR. SCHAUFLE IS ACCOMPANYING THE UK MINISTER OF STATE, MR. ROWLANDS, ON HIS CONSULTATION IN SOUTHERN AFRICA -- CONTINUING THE PROCESS OF COORDINATION CONCERNING PREPARATIONS FOR PROMPT CONVENING OF THE CONFERENCE TO DISCUSS AN INTERIM GOVERNMENT IN RHODESIA. THEY ARE IN MOZAMBIQUE TODAY. I BELIEVE THEY WILL BE IN DAR ES SALAAM TOMORROW. I DO NOT AT THIS TIME HAVE ANYTHING BEYOND DAR ES SALAAM.

Q: WELL, THEY'RE IN MOZAMBIQUE SURELY TO SEE MR. MACHEL,

BUT MR. MUGABE AND MR. NKOMO ARE ALSO IN -- HAVE BEEN REPORTED TO BE IN MAPUTO. ARE ROWLANDS AND SCHAUFLE GOING TO SEE THEM?

A: I DO NOT HAVE ANY MORE INFORMATION THEIR MEETINGS. A LOT OF THE DETAILS ON THIS WILL OBVIOUSLY HAVE TO COME FROM THEM AS THEY MAKE THEIR WAY THROUGH SOUTHERN AFRICA.

Q: BOB, IS IT ANTICIPATED THAT THE UNITED STATES WILL BE REPRESENTED AS AN OBSERVER OR IN ANY OTHER WAY AT ANY OF THESE CONFERENCES?

A: I DO NOT KNOW. I DO NOT KNOW THAT THAT IS EVEN UNDER CONSIDERATION AT THIS POINT.

THERE HAVE ALSO BEEN QUESTIONS EARLIER IN THE WEEK ABOUT THE TRIPARTITE MEETINGS. THEY NOW HAVE BEEN SCHEDULED TO MEET NEXT WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6TH AND 7TH, IN WASHINGTON.

AS WE INDICATED EARLIER, UNDER SECRETARY ROGERS WOULD HEAD THE U.S. DELEGATION, AND WE HAD ALSO SAID THAT THE SOUTH AFRICAN AMBASSADOR, MR. BOTHA, WAS REPRESENTING SOUTH AFRICA. I HAVE NOW BEEN INFORMED THAT MR. NORMAN ASPIN, ASSISTANT UNDER SECRETARY FOR UNCLASSIFIED

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THE FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE, WILL REPRESENT THE BRITISH.

Q: NO AFRICAN IS PRESENT FOR THAT?

A: NO. THIS HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN ORGANIZED, JERRY, AS A TRIPARTITE MEETING BETWEEN THOSE THREE COUNTRIES,

AND THEY WILL BE DISCUSSING THE ZIMBABWE ADJUSTMENT
FUND -- AS IT IS DESCRIBED, I BELIEVE.

Q: WILL THE FRENCH OR THE GERMANS, WHO'VE ALSO INDICA-
TED SUPPORT FOR THE FUND, HAVE ANY PARTICIPATION IN THIS
ROUND?

A: THE PRESENT PARTICIPATION IS AS I HAVE JUST STATED.

Q: DO THE FRENCH AND GERMANS INTEND TO PARTICIPATE
DIRECTLY IN THE FUND OR ARE THEY GOING TO OPERATE ON
THE SIDE IN COORDINATION?

A: I DO NOT KNOW. THIS WILL BE THE FIRST MEETING.

I THINK IT IS JUST TOO EARLY TO SAY HOW OTHERS MAY
PARTICIPATE AND WHAT FORM IT MIGHT TAKE.

Q: BOB, IS THIS FORMAL NAME THAT'S BEEN GIVEN TO IT NOW --
ZIMBABWE ADJUSTMENT FUND?

A. THAT IS HOW IT WAS DESCRIBED TO ME THIS MORNING.

Q. ARE THERE ANY FURTHER PROSPECTIVE DETAILS YOU CAN
GIVE US -- ANTICIPATED SIZE, MECHANISM, AND SO ON?

A. NO. I DO NOT HAVE ANYTHING MORE.

Q. IS THAT WHAT U.S. NOW CALLS THAT COUNTRY --
ZIMBABWE?

A. WE HAVE REFERRED TO RHODESIA AS RHODESIA, AND WE
HAVE ALSO REFERRED TO IT AS ZIMBABWE -- NATIONALIST
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GROUPS HAVE DESCRIBED RHODESIA AS ZIMBABWE. (END TEXT)
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